

Medical Assistance Administration

Caseload Forecast Council
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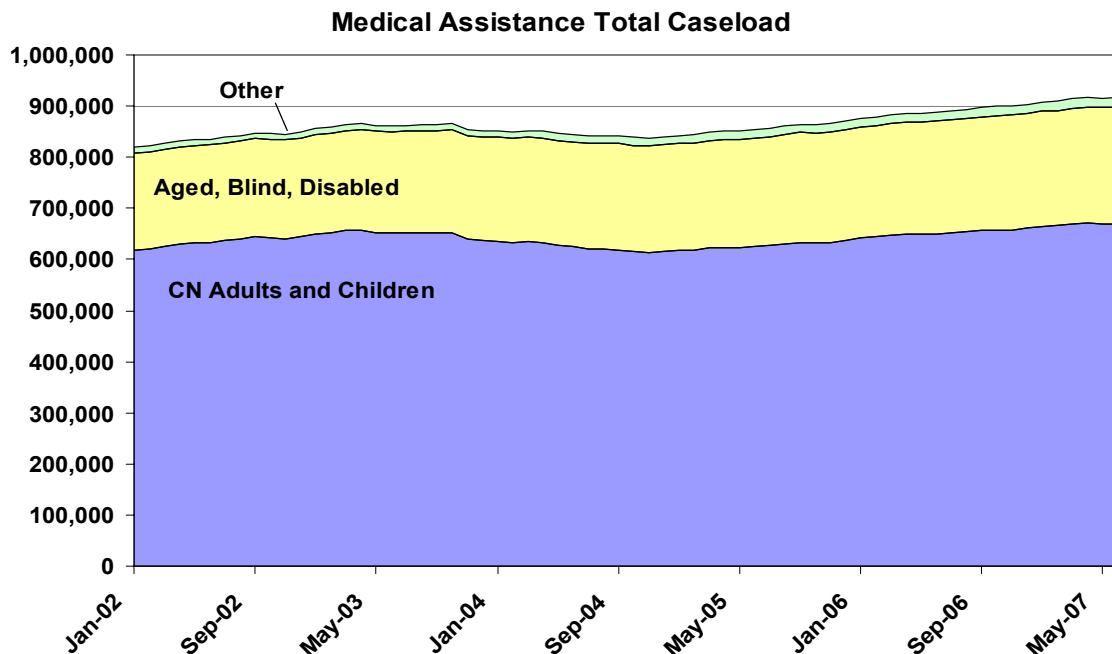
FAST FACTS

Most of the caseloads that the CFC forecasts fall under two types of federally matched Medicaid programs: Categorically Needy and Medically Needy.

- The **Categorically Needy (CN)** programs include TANF-related Family Medical, pregnant women, aged, blind, disabled, and children under 200 percent FPL. The people in these categories receive full-scope medical services, and many receive some form of cash assistance.
- The **Medically Needy (MN)** programs provide services to the aged, blind, and disabled clients whose income and resources are too higher for them to qualify for CN medical coverage. They must “spend down” their income and resources on medical expenses until they reach the medically needy income standard.

The CFC also forecasts some caseloads that are funded entirely by the state, such as General Assistance-Unemployable (GA-U) and the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Treatment and Support Act (ADATSA), and the federally funded Refugee program.

The twelve individual forecasts are presented in three categories: CN Adults and Children, Aged, Blind, and Disabled, and Other programs. Some of these forecasts are roll-ups of more detailed component forecasts.



Breakdown of Medical Assistance Total Caseload

| Category | FY05 Average | | Average Annual | Average Annual |
|---------------------------------|----------------|------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | Caseload | % of Total | Change 2005-07 Biennium | Percent Change 2005-07 Biennium |
| CN Children < 200% FPL | 296,933 | 35.2% | 6,973 | 2.3% |
| CN Family Medical | 294,490 | 34.9% | 13,388 | 4.4% |
| CN Blind/Disabled | 126,079 | 14.9% | 3,885 | 3.0% |
| CN Aged | 55,929 | 6.6% | 1,140 | 2.0% |
| CN Pregnant Women | 27,537 | 3.3% | 1,039 | 3.7% |
| MN Blind/Disabled | 11,221 | 1.3% | 839 | 7.2% |
| GA-U | 10,615 | 1.3% | 971 | 8.8% |
| QMB - only | 9,166 | 1.1% | 1428 | 14.5% |
| MN Aged | 6,672 | 0.8% | 181 | 2.7% |
| ADATSA | 4,332 | 0.5% | 298 | 6.7% |
| Refugee | 873 | 0.1% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Medicaid Buy-In | 451 | 0.1% | 193 | 36.4% |
| Total Medical Assistance | 844,298 | 1 | 30,335 | 3.6% |

Medical Assistance Total Fiscal Year Caseload Change

| Fiscal Year | Caseload Change | Percent Change | |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| FY02-03 | 36,766 | 4.5% | Actuals |
| FY03-04 | 1,694 | 0.2% | |
| <i>FY04-05</i> | <i>(10,422)</i> | <i>(1.2%)</i> | <i>Forecast</i> |
| <i>FY05-06</i> | <i>29,324</i> | <i>3.5%</i> | |
| <i>FY06-07</i> | <i>32,065</i> | <i>3.7%</i> | |

The Total Medical Assistance caseload is projected to grow, on average, 3.6 percent per year for the 2005-2007 Biennium, compared to average state population growth of 1.5 percent.

The fact that the Medical Assistance caseload is growing faster than population growth is consistent with national trends in the health insurance market. The table below illustrates the recent shift in coverage from private to public insurance, particularly among children.

Distribution of Health Insurance Coverage Nationwide¹

| | Calendar Year | Employer-Sponsored | Medicaid / SCHIP | Private nongroup / Other | Uninsured |
|---------------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| | | | | | |
| Nonelderly Adults | 1999 | 72.4% | 4.7% | 6.4% | 16.5% |
| | 2002 | 70.7% | 5.7% | 6.7% | 17.0% |
| Dependent Children | 1999 | 66.2% | 16.5% | 4.6% | 12.8% |
| | 2002 | 63.1% | 22.4% | 4.5% | 10.1% |

¹Blumberg, Linda J. and John Holahan. 2004. "Changes in Insured Coverage and Access to Care for Middle-Class Americans." Washington, DC: The Urban Institute. *Health Policy Online* No. 8.